The Judependent.

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OUR COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

We are not in the habit of enterin complaints or making charges against county officers while in the discharge of their official duties; we have never done so during the ten years of our editorial connection with the press;

but we have a few questions to ask. Is it right for our county officials to give out the public printing so that it must be done elsewhere than in the county ?

Is it the policy of a wire administra tion of affairs that ner lects home interests to build up foreign ones ?

of the county.

We wish to do an honorable busin

we incline to this opinion in these hard

times-then let that which is best qual-

ified and has the most ample material

be selected and sustained by a concen

tration of effort. In attempting to de

too much, we may do nothing; and the

two offices which we may undertake to

keep up will both lack that encourage-

ment and sustenance which is necessary

to make a paper valuable, and to give

energy, vigor and usefulness to an en-

We feel sure that the sober, thinking

and judicious citizens of the county

and for the same price at home.

subject is worthy of consideration, an

at every county-seat. There is no

If we prove unworthy; if we act dis-

honestly; if we fail to advocate measures

prove recreant to our duty as jour-

As we said, we have no quarrel with

be had without a sacrifice of principle.

desire to use all honorable means to

that end. We hope we have said noth-

ing harsh or unkind to any one in these

remarks, as we certainly did not design

to do so. But if our officers have com-

it and amend for the future. If any

one connected with the matter has for-

gotten the "golden rule," may he re-

member it in all time to come.

fellow-citizens?

nalists, then dismiss us.

terprise of any sort.

If the county printing can be done as well here in Oskaloosa as at some point outside of the bounds of Jeffer son county, ought it not to be given to the office here in preference to sending it where it will go abroad?

Is it not always preferable to have the printing done where the officers who have the oversight of it can see the proof, and if need be make corrections or amendments, than to send it where such advantages cannot be had without expense ?

Now, we are not disposed to find instance unless we feel sure that at intentional wrong has been perpetrated. or a great lack of judgement manifested. Mere errors should always be dealt with in a forbearing spirit, and with that "charity that thinketh no evil;" for we all need to be dealt with in mercy rather than in rigor.

If we rightly understand the matter, the commissioners of this county at a recent sitting, directed that the Tex List be published in the Gazette We think they had no right to dictate to the Treasurer in the matter, but they may have been honest in thinking other wise; we hope each one of the Board can lay his hand on his heart and say honestly that he was actuated by no selfish consideration, no wish or purpose but a desire to do right. If they ean, there is an end of that matter.

with the subject of the printing that we wish to speak of, as they are certainly worthy of consideration.

We have, under assurances, as w thought, that our enterprise would be anstained and encouraged by the people and officers of Jefferson county, established the Independent office here, at an expense of more than one thousand dollars. We should not have made the investment at the time we did, had we not been led to believe that the patronage of the county would be given to the office, so long as we did the work well and at reasonable prices. We certainly did not expect that the county purpose to invite capital into their midst printing would be sent out of the county, sither directly or indirectly, when we could do it as well and as cheoply at

We presume the Commissioners did not know that the Tax List would be policy than that which looks to mere taken out of the county to be done when they so emphatically requested favors; we only ask that a spirit of enthat it be given to the Gazette; and vet terprise may meet a response from the such was the fact. We have no quar- people of the county, and from those rel with the Gazette, it is the misfor tues of the publisher that he has not enough material in his office to do the printing he sought for, and misfortunes doubt of this. It is too great a con are not faults. But we think if he had venience to be dispensed with if it can invested a thousand dollars and more in an office on purpose that he might be able to accommodate the county and one that shall be a credit to Jefferson then bave the printing sent from him out of the county, he would begin to enquire into the expediency and right the county, public and private, demand. of such a policy. If there is any work which we cannot do and it can be done at the Gazette office, we will be the last to take it from that office and send it to Leavenworth or elsewhere to get it

If we have a school in Oskaloosa, and the teacher has gone to much expense to at up a room and prepare for the education of the youth of our village. will we act the part of wise citizens to send our children away to some other point, and let our school at home languish or die for want of support? Certainly not; it is the interest of every community to build up its own schools. and wise parente will-always encourage schools at kome, and patronise them. until their children become so advanced as to sequire something more than can be had at the home-school.

Now, in these latter times, newspa pers are almost as great a necessir la and no county should be

of the county and older than the of , It may be older in point and "keep silence."

rangements were all made for the es- and purposes, on what we believe will this work. If the people of the South tablishment of this office before it had best subserve the public good; and we need sid, they ought to have its and an existence, and we have reason to think all our positions will bear invess any body calls that common, let him or tigation, and be found to rest on tree believe that it was projected out principles of justice and philosophy. rivalry, after the fact was known that We earnestly hope this subject will use for them in the Union. we designed to start an office in the not need allasion to again. county. But we will not say that this is the fact. However, we will say, that we determined to establish an of-

WHITHER ARE WE DRIFTING!

fice that would approximate, if not en-It would seem from a general survey tirely meet, all the wants of the county, the aspect of affairs in the nation, and we did not wish to hasten the work that this great Republic, the pride of so much as to fall entirely short of the America and the admiration of the wants we designed to supply. We yet have quite a large amount of printing material ready for shipment, which will er than war, and no provision in the oradd much to the facilities of our Joh Office, especially that branch which includes large posters; but when we he government carries with it the iden fird we cannot do work that our friend of the Gazette can do, we will send it o him. We consider this better policy overthrow or disintegration. But the there will soon be too little of a governing in full between Gen. G. T. Beauregard seems to have been the prevailing one than to draw petrouage from him to send from both of us out of the limits seems to have been the prevailing one about. with the framers, of the constitution, If nothing better can and to conduct ourselves personally as rentlemen, and the affairs of our office in such a manner as will recommend it and our efforts to build up home interst to all candid, well-disposed and redid not think of such an occurrence as should be a last resort. flecting citizens. We ask the people of Jefferson county to sustain us in our attempt, so long as we act an honorable part. We ask the officers of the county for their patronage, and for all the pub lic printing that cannot be done else where in the county, or that we can do better than it can be performed within gogues and spoils hunters, they would tained. the limits of their jurisdiction outside have seen some of the corrupting in-If there is only patronage enough it the county to sustain one office-and

> hen bave devised a remedy. ngton or Jackson to strike down treason and disunion, we might hope for stabilty; but Mr. Buchanan lacked energy. and we fear patriotism also; and he let the golden oppotunity pass for "nipping treason in the bad;" and now the nonster has grown to such huge dinensious that it cannot be slain without bloodshed and civil war. This being the case, the present Executive has

will coincide with our views. We do not sustaining government or not. believe that our people wish to neglect This parting of the evil day for years the interests of those enterprises, either past has been the bane of our nation, public or private, which are of suband we fear will prove its ruin. God much mistake their temper and scope He does not assist those who will not of thought, if they do not wish first of help themselves. "All things will all to take care of home interests. We work together for good" to those who certainly do not believe they wish to do right; but have we done right? send any printing out of the county. Have we not rather chosen to follow when it can be done as well (or better) the lead of partisans whose personal interests led them to "darken council" We did not design to say so much for selfish purposes ? or, at best trusted when we set out; indeed, we only inin the wisdom of men rather than the tended to write a paragraph or two principles of right, truth and justice ? but one thought fellowed another, and

Evidently we are drifting onto danwe have perpetrated a leader. The erous shoals, and if the good old ship of state is not speedily rescued from deserves to be treated with candor and her perilous condition, she must go to wisdom. If our people and officials ieces on the rocks. We have so often been deceived in the men entrust only to neglect and turn away from it. ed with power that we begin to doubt we fear but little will find its way here. the ability or intention of any to But we do not intend to find fault. stand by the government with a single We have spoken of general principles, purpose to do right. We do hope. and endeavored to point out a wider however, that the present administration will be faithful and honest, 16 personal ends. We do not beg for not the Union is at an end, and our government shorn of its strength and respectability.

As it is, the Border Slave States are who serve them in an official capacity an element of weakness in the govern-A printing office ought to be sus ained ment, occupying the position they do. which must ultimately turn the scale unfavorably, we fear. They profess to be friends of the Union, and vet debe supported. Indeed, it is almost a mand new guarantee—they are not connecessity. We have endeaved to fit up tent with the noble constitution given us by the fathers, and hence clamor county, or any county in Kansas, and for amendments or a re-construction of we expect to add to it, as the needs of the Confederacy, threatening at the same time, to go to the Southern Con-Shall we have your hearty co-operation, federacy if their demands are not granted! This is love for the Union "with a vengeance!" If these States would ome up boldly to the point and declare for the development of the county, or their adhesion to the Constitution and laws without the condition of new guarantees, so long as vested rights were not interfered with, secession any one. We love peace when it can would die in sixty days; but while these States occupy a doubtful position, We wish also to sustain our office, and they encourage treason; and the attempt administration.

Our opinion is, that the laws ought to be executed at all points, and where resisted, let those who resist take the

mitted an error, we trust they will see

them go down into minims and stay there we have

Her there is prospect of civil war in the Bouth itself. The Union and Disunion men there are almost at sword's points now, especially is this the case STARTLING NEWS!! in Virginia, Nombern Alabama, North: HUSTILIPIES OMMENCED!!! The equilar Charleston dispatches of this morning dated 10:30 state that at Texas. If the Union men anywhere THE RESELS THE ASSISLANTS! in the Southern States are driven to world, is to drift into lamarchy. Our arms to defend the selver, there must they be protected by the federal powers

at all hazards. ganic or statutory laws provides against. If decisive measures of policy are ing will be to inevitable destruction nd abstract right of perpetuation, as Already have her lest inheh in the eyes no government worthy of confidence of other nations, and if we do not de md respect can provide for its own monstrate that we have a government,

md they did not provide against a con the test be made at once Union or Dis tingency which their own true patriot union; and the States that declare fo ism led them to think would never hap. Union unite firmly together; those fo pen. Or, perhaps more correctly they Disunion go to themselves. But this Fore Samter peaceably or otherwise by side and all along the coast.

their children turning traitors to the A national convention of all the overnment established by the blood, States would be well enough perhaps, toil and misdom of their fathers; and with the understanding that its acts not having such a thought, of course should be submitted to the people for they did not provide for a thing they ratification. For our own part, we are did not for a moment dream as possible. for the Union as the fathers made it, Had they lived in this day of dema- now and forever," if it can be main-

Since the above was written, event fluences which destroy the virtue of have occurred that have caused the good men and make knaves and traitors present administration to adopt a firm of bad ones; and their wisdom would and active policy for the maintenance of the government, as will be seen by With a strong arm like that of Wash reference to the telegraphic dispatches.

Latest From Charleston.

Our latest dispatches confirm the worst features of those published in an-

Major Anderson unconditionally suren lered Fort Sumter on the 13th inst., of the Confederate troops, From some been reluctant to strike the blow which did not attempt to reinforce him, and my sense of honor and my obligations shall decide whether we have a self- his little band of petriots became ex- to my Government prevent my complihansted from over-exertion ... " any

The news of the surrender of Fort Sumter created profound sensation few days, Answer. be retaken, though this may not be at-

Special dipatches to the N. Y. Heraid state that Milior Anderson saluted his flag, formed his command on parade le during the salutera sero I"

four. One was baried in the Fort with lismounted, and others split, and the gun carrirge knocked into splinters.-Fort Sumter is left a mere shells self Official advices from Montgomery to

the 13th inst, Indicate that the Confederate Congress on rensembling, with at once declare war against the United

dent that he was in favor of a firm polfend the Federal Capitol.

roclamation calling forth the militia of has been made in the south east wall. the several States of the Union, to the ggregate number of 75,000. He also calls an extra session of both Houses of plies were expended; that is, if he was twenty claim that for their native State, Congress on the 4th day of July next, not reinforced. to determine upon measures which the public safety and interest demand.

Volunteers by thousands are flocking the Stars and Stripes.

We have not room for all the dispatches, which would make four columns more of our paper, much of which to hold them weakens the hands of the is repetition, but give the most interesting items contained in them.

SARSAPARILLA .- This tropical too: has a reputation wide as the world, for caring one class of disorders that afflict Very soon there must be something manating a reputation too which it deof a decisive character dene a The serves as the best middle we powers Southern tariff, will interfere with the for Scroftlow complaints. But to be tars, and will be kept up all night. free navigation of the Mississippi river, brought into use, its virtues must be will sadly work against the railroad in- concentrated and combined with other terests of the Southern States still in medicines that increase its prwer. the Union, and so operate against the Some reliable compound of this cherecrights and privileges of commerce as to ter is much seeded in the community. call for action of some sort. Alcende Read the advertagment of Day Arraia "stir up strife;" neither are we here to the papers of Tennessee are complain. Sastaparille in our command and wee quietly look upon wrong, if we find it, ing, and accusing Mr. Lincoln of in- know it needs no enconium from us to the ing, and accusing Mr. Lincoln of in- knew it needs no encosium from us to It is also reported that Harriet Lane America still ahead. By some strange a good in shot through her wheel- freak of nature, twelve Democrats stole in received a shot through her wheelwaste first paper; but our ard Wa try to have our line of conduct the Union men in their rights, and said offers. [Organ, Syracuse, N. Yawa | should

Genral News. HE LATEST NEWS

MAGNETIC TELEGRAPH, To the Daily Conservative and Daily Tines.

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FIGHTING BEGAN FRIDAY MORNING!

THE WHOLE COUNTRY AMOUNED! Fort Sumter seems to be greatly dis-

and L. P. Walker, Secretary of War; which took place before hostilities com-No. 1 Beauregard to Walker An uthorized messenger from President Lincoln just informed Goy. Pickens and

No. 2-Walker to Beauregard-If you thave no doubt of the authorized character of the agent who communicated to you the intention of the Washington Gustrament to supply Fort Sumter by force, you will at once demand its evacuation, and if this is refused, proceed

ich a manner as vou may determine to reduce it. Auswer. No. 3-Beigregard to Walker-The emand will be made to-morrow, the 11th at 12 M.

ess there are especial reasons connected with your own condition, it is considered proper that you should make the demand at an early hour.

No. 5-Beauregard to Walker-The reasons are special for 12 o'clock. No. 6-Beauregard to Walker-The emnal was sens at 2 o'clock, and till 6 o'clock allowed to answer, No. 7-Walker to Beuregard-Tele-

graph the reply of Major Anderson, No. 8-Beauregard to Walker-Major or Anderson replies: I have the honor and on the 14th left it in possession to acknowledge the receipt of your communication demanding the evacuation of this Fort, and to reply thereto, that cause not stated the ships at the offing it is a demand with which I regret that ance. He adds: Probably I will await! through the streets.

inteers by hundreds, regardless of par- do not desire needlessly to bombard y, are tendering their services to the Fort Samter. If Major Anderson will resident in the maintenance of the him, he will evacuate, and agree in the Government, the execution of the laws meantime he will not use his guns aand the defense of the American day, exainst us unless ours should be employ It is asserted that Fort Sumter will ed against Fort Sumter, you are thu to avoid the effusion of blood; if this or its equivalent be refused, reduce the Fort us your judgment decides to be the most practicable.

No. 10-Beauregard to Walker-He would not consent. I write to-day. A private disparely from Charleston ays that interceped dispatches disclose be drum and fifeplaying Yankee Derthe fact that Mr. Fox, who had been fallowed to visit Maj. Anderson, on the A pile of cartridges burst in one of the pledge that his purpose was pacific, casements, killing two and wounding employed the opportunity to device a that the plan had been adopted by the nilitary honors. The other was to be Washington Government, and was in buried by the Carolinians. The guns progress of execution. A later dispatch on one side of the parapet are entirely from Charleston, dated April 12th says the batteries from Sullavan's Island. opened on Fort Sumter at 4 o'clock this

Fort Sumter has returned the fire and a brisk camonading has been kept up. the sea board yet. The miliary are under arms, and the whole of our population are in the streets, and every avail-Senator Douglas assured the Prest table space facing the harbor is lilled with auxious speciators. Another disicy to maintain the Government and de- patches sys: the firing has continued all greatly fatigued. day without intermission.

Two of Fort Sumters guns have been President Lincoln line issued his silenced, and is reported that a breach

Not a casuality has yet happened to any of the forces of the nineteen batter- father seventeen Kansans. New York teries in position. Only seven have opened fire on Fort Sumter. The reto the standard of the Union to fight or mainder are held in reserve for the ex- Mountain Boys easily heat the rest of perish for the supremacy of the Fed- pected fleet. Two thousand men reachral authority and the maintenance of ed this city this morning and embarked Maine comes next with eight; Connectifor Morris Island and the neighbor- cut, seven; Virginia and Kentucky, five

the floating Steven;', and other batter- Indiana, three each; Missouri, N. Hamp-Sumter continues returning the

It is reported that three war vessels

A fourth dispatch says the firing has ceased for the night, and will be renewed early in the morning.

The latest dispatch says the bom-bardment has recommenced with morhis men for the night

Vessels cannot get in. The storm is raging and the sea rough, making it impossible to reinforce to night. The floating battery works well.

er strack with spent projectiles,

Fifteen or eighteen

Congress has been called for April 29th. without number. It is said the expedition to reinforce Sumter was against the advices of Gen,

Sr. Loris, April 13. intervals of twenty minutes, firing was kept up all night on Fort Sumter,-Major Anderson ceased firing form Sum er at 6 o'clock in the evening. All night he was engaged in repairing damages and protecting the barbette guns. "glock this morning: visuals add store

abled. The battery on Cumming's Point does Sumter Great damage. At

and fast and they can be seen in their course from the Charleston battery The cannonading is going on fiercely

The President and Secretary of the the night of the 12th, at Montgomery. The Secretary of War was called out and said that the Confedrate flag would soon be waving over Fort Sunner and at the Federal Capitol at Washington, if the independence of the Southern States was not recognized, and hostily

ties continued. A Washington dispatch to the New York Tribune says commander Fox onmands the vessels which is to lend the expedition into Cliarleston.

The President received the news almly, and with a confident feeling that he had done his duty in the mat-

Senator Sherman arrived from Ohio and reports the Republicans there rea to street by him to the last, President Lincoln has directed that Captain Wm. B. St. Johns, 31 Infantry, and Lies, Abner Snead, 1st Artillery,

cease to be officers of the army. The regular troops here, have been ordered to proceed to the outskirts of the city, to watch every avenue there. while the volunteers recently mustered guard the armories and bublic build-

the first shot, and if you do not batter ings of deep regret. There is no exciteus to pieces we will be starved out in a ment but the prospect of the future creates a general feeling of depression. ndered to the Government the servies of the the marine Artillery and one thousand Infantry, and offers to accom-

[Valettes are constantly seen riding

pany them himself. The war news from Charleston ereates protound sensation in Boston, and throughout the State. The general sentiment is that the Federal Government is right and shall be sustained.

Orders have been received at New York to fit out the frigate Merrimae It is denied that any portion of the onfederate loan has been offered in

been arranged at par within the limits of the Confederacy. St. Louis, Speil 13-9 P. M. Reliable private dispatches and regu-lar report say that Major Anderson took down the United States flag and

run up a white flag of truce about 1 r. Another dispatch says the garried at Sumter is on fire and Anderson is trying to put it out, and that two small

magazines had exploded. The first report said the United States vessels were firing on the beach batteries, and another says they lay at anchor outside, and had not fired, it very probable that the report of Anbreathes had been made in the walls. and his small force must have been

About the Legislators.

The members and officers of the Legislature are, as heretofore, indebted The answer to Gen. Beauregrid's to a large number of States and coun demands, by Major Anderson, were tries for their birth-place-we hope for that he would surrender when his sup- nothing else. Ohio leads the van for and have their claim allowed. The flows quickly after, and carties fourthe Union with three times three .each: Massachusetts and New Jersey, Green The hombardment continues from four each; Maryland, Tennessee and Laid per shire and South Carolina, two each; Scotland, North Carolina, Illinois, Ger many, District of Columbia, Saxony and Prussin, one each.

The youngest Senator is John A. Martin, whose age is twenty-three .here are only three Senators over forty rears old. Young America rules. Ample attangements have been made Sixteen Senators are blessed with wives, while nine are equally happy without. There are three. Democrats in the Senate, and twenty-two B, Republicans -brown, black, or blue, at the option of their enemies, but always a comfortable "working majority."

In the House, E. D. Thompson makes high point on being the youngest Dry Hiden slator - only twenty-three, and a Conservative Republican. There are wenty-one members-out of seventyfive who are over forty, and fourteen ato the House; the rest are B. R. Fif

members - a contemptibly small numb r-ars unmarried or div

we are glad to see that there is one jurist on the Senate list; good thing and uncommon. Four editors figure on the roll, and doctors, farmers and havers

Col. Charles Clarkson, who obtained the "pedigree" aforesaid, is, as we Scott, who urged the evacuation of Sum- learn from the table, a Pennsylvania New York-Leavenworth--Republican-merchant .- Daily Co-

> An Ordinance to preserve the peace Be it ordained by the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the village of Osk

Secreon de That if any person of village of Oskaloosa any disorderle 9 o'clock this morning a dense smoke and order of said village, it shall be poured out from Summer. The Federa the duty of the village Constablers poured out from Summer. The Federal the daily of the promptly arrest such person committing promptly arrest such person committing such disorderly or diagraceful acts, or such disorderly conduct, and the batteries on Morris Island fell into Major Axderson's strongest holds thick have to be dearly with according to tome and apon conviction of disorderly and apon conviction of disorderly and apon conviction of disorderly are disgraceful acts or disorderly conduct such person shall be liable to a fine of not less than one dollar, nor more than twenty-ave dollars, and said village Constables shalls collegt; such and such mainer as may be hereafter pre-

SEC. 2. That the trial of such person charged with violating the art section of this ordinance shall be out dugled in like mannier sit trinle of persous charged with violating the Laws of the State of Kansas, are conducted before Justices of the Peace.

Sec. 3. That if any citizen of the village of Uskaloosa shall appear b the Mayor of said village and characteristics of the offenses named in the first Section of this ordinance, it shall be the duty of the Mayor of mid village to reduce such complaint to writing at require such person acompleis swear to and sign the same and the said Ma or shall immediately immed warrant for the arrest of such person complained of and have bing t before the said Mayor to be dealt s according to Law.

SEC. 4. That in the absence or di ability of the village Constable il Mayor may appoint some suitable per son to Execute the duties of said vil

Sec. 5. All ordinances or parts ordinances inconsistent with the provi ions of this ordinance are herebi

Sec. 6. This ordinance to take first Passed this Feb. 15th, 1861. JOHN W. DAY, Mayor

G. B. CARSON, Sec't. pro tent, Ordinanca No. 5.

An Ordinance relating to the Collection of Fines. Be it ordained by the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Oskulonia shall have been adjudged, by the Magor of the village of Oak aloosa, to pay say fine upon conviction of violating any of the ordinances of said village. be the duty of the village Constable to New York. The entire amount has collect the same with cons of suit be

> fore discharging such person from his eustody. Sec. 2. That the village Constable shall keep such person in his ousted, until the fine adjudged by the Mayer and costs shall be paid, and if see person is either unable to pay the said ine or obstinately refuses to do so, i shall be the duty of the village Cons ble to place such person at work upon the streets in grading, excavating, or improving the same at the rate of one dollar per day and keep such pera at work until the amount of his fine at costs shall be discharged.

Sec. 3. All ordinances and parts of ordin nees, conflicting with the provisions of this or finance are barely re-SEC. 4. This ordinance to take effec

and be in force from and after its Passed Feb. 15th. 1861, olar could

Jons W. Day, Mayore G. B. CARSON, Sec'1. pro. tem.

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